

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Independent Emergency Services, LLC** 's Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the **Jackson County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: March 7, 2001

DOCKET NO. **P5270/ES-01-291**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911
SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On February 24, 1981, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) received a copy of Jackson County's report describing its 911 Emergency Services system.

On March 10, 1981, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for 911 outswitching connections from the Okabena, Lakefield, and Heron Lake Exchanges to the Jackson County Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

On October 20, 1981, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Central Telephone Company for providing outswitching trunks from the Lakefield and Okabena Exchanges to the Jackson County PSAP

On October 24, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Independent Emergency Services, LLC for the installation of trunk ports to be used for interexchange circuits between the Heron Lake, Jackson, Lakefield, and Okabena Exchanges to provide tandem based Automatic Number Identification (ANI) services to the Jackson County 911 Emergency Services system.

On March 2, 2001, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Woodstock Telephone Company for the installation of interexchange circuits between the Heron Lake, Jackson, Lakefield, and Okabena Exchanges to the Ruthton Selective Router.

CURRENT FILING

On April 24, 2000, Jackson County contracted with Independent Emergency Services, LLC (IES) for the installation of tandem based Automatic Number Identification (ANI), Automatic Location Identification (ALI) and Selective Routing (SR) for their 911 Emergency Services system.

On December 6, 2000, IES installed 2 additional 10 digit Trunk ports for the Lake Park and Spirit Lake Exchanges to extend the tandem based ANI service for the 911 Emergency Services system in Jackson County.

On January 6, 2001, IES certified actual costs incurred in providing the additional trunk ports for enhanced 911 services.

IES is now requesting Commission approval of the actual costs of providing enhanced 911 services to these exchanges. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Independent Emergency Services, LLC has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A, reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Jackson County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Jackson County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

ORDER

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate pursuant to the Commission's March 21, 2000 Standing Order Designating Filings Requesting Certification of 911 Costs As Filings Subject to Approval Under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, Subd. 7, Docket No. P-999/CI-99-1723.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the ____ day of _____, 2000 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Jackson County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P5270/ES-01-291.**

XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid.

XX By personal service

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, _____

a notary public, this _____ day of

_____, 2000.

Notary Public